

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1412

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the East Robertson High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the East Robertson High School boys' basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class A state championship; and

WHEREAS, capturing the program's first state basketball championship since 1989, the East Robertson Indians soundly defeated Peabody 67-42 at the Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University to claim the coveted golden ball trophy; and

WHEREAS, playing tenacious defense, the Indians held Peabody to its lowest scoring total of the season, as the team shot just thirty percent from the field while committing eleven turnovers; and

WHEREAS, winning the state championship was the culmination of a truly historic season for East Robertson who finished with a sterling record of 27-6; after starting the year with a record of 5-5, the team won 22 of its last 23 games and captured both the District 8A and Sectional championships; and

WHEREAS, the East Robertson Indians were led by tournament Most Valuable Player Taylor Groves, who was joined on the All-Tournament team by teammates Shaun Groves, Elijah Groves, and Jordan Barnard; and

WHEREAS, the Indians' superb victory may not have been possible without the stellar leadership of their head coach, Kurt Caton; and

WHEREAS, the members of the East Robertson High School boys' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the East Robertson High School boys' basketball team on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the East Robertson High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class A state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.